Philadelphia March 10. 1835

Henry J. Hutchins Esqr.

York. Penn.

Dear Sir

Your favour laid on me the duty of acting as Warden (Pro Tem) of Christ Church, the letter is unable me to discharge the various duties even for the small space I shall hold it, compels me to apply to you for some information —

I find in the By Laws "4 Article 1 Section — A Register of permanent Settings shall be made under the direction of the accounting warden &c &c

3 Sec All transfers of permanent Settings shall be made in writing in a Book to be kept for that purpose by the accounting Church Warden &c &c

6 Sec All other Settings shall be termed Rented Settings, and shall be set forth and described in a Book to be called the Rented Settings Book, no such Setting shall be rented for any term exceeding one year from the next annual collection day, and the rent or compensation shall be payable semi-annually in advance &c &c

11 Sec If any person having a Pew or Setting shall let &c, without the previous consent of Vestry, his right shall be forfeited —

In Article 5 — all persons whose names have been entered in the Book of the Church for Pew or Setting for 3 years &c

In Referring to the foregoing I would ask you, is there a Book as a Register of Permanent Settings as in 1 Sec 4 Article —— and is there a transfer Book as mentioned in Sec 3 — and is there a Book call'd the Rented Settings Book, distinguished from the other as provided for in Sec 6 — if so where will I find them; as I have not yet put them in the Box of Books & Papers I received from you, if such Books have not been prepared, what advice can you give on the subject of having such Books prepared — In the mean time can you give me any directions for understanding the distinction of the Pew Books as made out, the permanent from the rented Settings —— I have you been in the

Rules of regulating rented Sittings to be fixed for some ⅓ annually in advance

Here not Persons who own Pews or Sittings (such as Hospitals, Almshouses &c) have in the Rules of Letting them without consulting Vestry, Contrary to the 11 Sec of 4 Article —

By the 1 Sec 5 Article — All Persons whose names have been entered on the Books of the Church for 3 years &c have the privilege of Interment &c — is this to be understood as confined to those whose names are on the Register of permanent Sittings or does it extend to those who may rent a Sitting temporarily for Cash at a time at the he may have so contracted from time to time for 3 years

Who is understood as Members of the Church, the 2 Sec of the 4th of Incorporation says, Members of the same Church who have for one year preceding held a Sitty (Prov. on & after 1835 3 years &c) pay their proportion of Vestry Rates — — — is any person who may hold a rented Sitting a Member

Here the Gentlemen to fix upon some day to proceed on those persons pointly mentioned at as early a day as you can

Yours &c

M. Kempler

10 February 1835

Copy. M Kempton

to

Henry J Bulkley Esq.

on subject of Pavement

Settling Book

Rental Settling Book

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Respect Marble hard

for Home Road

or 1832

Dear Sir

At some Rent-paying occasion in 1832 I expressed to Mr Hutchins my wish to have the old Brick-Hearths removed and Marble put in their place. He acquiesced in this, wish - requested me to have the work done and send the Bill to be sent to him. I heard no more of the matter untill a few days since when the Bill was presented to me from Mr Peter Fritz the person from whom the Marble was ordered. Such is the History of this affair which I doubt not Mr H will remember and thanks it appears that the Bill has not been paid I will thank you to let me know when I shall direct Mr Fritz for his Money.

Very respectfully

Your John Utley

March 11. 1835

Mr A Kempton

Date of Bill - Oct 6. 1832

Amt " $16=

Wm Moses Kingsbury

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Moses Kempton Esq^r
Philad^a

York, Pennsylvania March 13^th 1835.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 10^th Inst I regret that it is not in my power to answer your queries with more precision and exactitude as respects permanent sittings so called in Christ Church, but will endeavour to state herein distinctly the height and depth of my ignorance on this subject, leaving to wiser heads and abler hands the projection of such means and measures as they may deem most suitable to remedy the existing defects. All the regulations in our bylaws respecting the keeping of a Register and a transfer book of permanent sittings were taken from the old codes of Bylaws of the United Churches of Christ Church S^t Peter's & S^t James', and however wisely contrived they may have been at the first, have shared the fate of many civil laws of the land and either become obsolete and considered only as technical forms, or have not been reduced to practise in consequence of the ignorance or insufficiency to obtain the requisite information by the Officers appointed to keep these Books. On succeeding M^r George Bringhurst d^o^ in Decem^r 1829 to the duties of Asistant Warden for Christ Church, the Accounting Warden of the United Churches was M^r William Meredith, and the only Books to guide me were the Pew Book of Sittings renewed every six Months and a small Account Book kept by M^r B. as Ass^t Warden similar to my small Account Book left with you. After many months M^r Robert R Bringhurst brought me a Book which looked like a Register and Book of Sittings in the United Churches with a draft of each Church on some of its pages, and a great many names of the members of the three Congregations in olden times, but for many years no new names had been entered and most of those entered in this Book had departed for a better world I could not call this Book any thing like a permanent Record, moreover it embraced too large a district viz 3 Churches beyond the duties of my province, the time I could spare, or the limits of my comprehension.

Moses Kempton Esq^r.
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This Book is I presume in the Library Room of Christ Church amongst the Pew books and Wardens Accounts deposited there during the past century, or it may be lying in a Box containing the Baptismal Matrimonial and Burial Records with Vestry Minute Books in the Vault of Christ Church Hospital. In the said Vault are also 2 blank Minute Vestry Books for future times, a large valuable antique parchment covered Wardens Account Book commencing long before the birth of our venerable Rector, also a Box containing the Church Plate, and also in a drawer all the Title Deeds of Property belonging to the Church or the Hospital which are briefly recorded in a special Register Book lying in the said Vault. Not being able to ascertain what sittings were permanent or on what terms they were so called, my uniform practice has been to consider them all as rented sittings, to try to collect the rents peaceably, to forfeit all delinquent paymasters, and to fill up the vacant seats, in doing this last mentioned duty as the vacant seats were generally in remote parts of the Church I did not insist on payment in advance during the time of the United Churches, but have latterly introduced the practice of requiring one years payment of the Rent in advance agreeably to our by-laws because some persons after requesting their names to be placed on the Pew book did not pay any thing thus committing a two-fold injury to the revenues of the Church. This practice of requiring a years advance gives a considerable addition to the labours of the Warden in adjusting his accounts as you will perceive by the Accounts of the settlement at the end of each semi-annual List of Pew Rents which I have inserted in each Pew Book, as it requires many deductions and additions to be made. The only transfer of permanent sittings which has taken plau during my administration was from Mr Pennington of two seats to Mr P. H Nicklin - and during Mr George Bringhursts time eight seats were transferred from Judge Tilghman to A. Binney Esqre These you will find in our small A/c Books under the head of Subscriptions.

The holding of Pews in certain names viz Williams, Hopkinson, Meredith &c: and letting of them is one of those anomalies beyond my comprehension, you must refer to A Binney Esqre and Charles Wheeler Esqre for an explanation of this practice and for the mode of abolishing it. To these Gentlemen I also beg leave to refer you for the
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You will please to pay Peter Fritz's bill $16 for the Marble Hearth in House No 15 Race street occupied by Mr. John Wiley and charge the same to the Account of the Rigby Legacy. I directed it and the Vestry are required by the will to keep the Houses in order, pay taxes &c.

By reading over the 2 last Books of the Minutes of the Vestry of the United Churches kept by Messrs Wallace Reed Lowber & Meredith you may glean some matters worthy of remembrance in Christ Church.

I always found the services of Mr. Robert R. Bringhurst of value to me on several occasions in and about the Church and its concerns, & I trust you will find him equally useful. . .

It will give me pleasure to hear from you at all times whenever you can find leisure to write, and believe to be, my dear Sir Sincerely

Your Friend and
obliged Hble Servant,
Henry J. Hutchins

P.S. I sympathize with our friend Mr. Geo. Tryon cordially in the death of his son. We are alike afflicted in the same or similar circumstances. —

Moses Kempton Esquire

north Front street, between
Market & arch streets,

Philadelphia.

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MAY

Moses Kempton Esquire
Philadelphia
Advertisement & prospectus
respecting the Observatory
Pamphlets &c

Moses Kempton Esqr

York, Pa. March 28th, 1835

Dear Sir,

I notice in some paper read by me latterly that the Association of Christ Church Philad.a has dispensed some of its funds of course presume that you have had a Meeting of its Trustees, and followed the directions of our worthy Vice President the Reverend Mr. John W James in this distribution. The object of this letter is to request you to omit hereafter my name in the List of Trustees and in the original Subscription Book of the Members where my name is inserted with an annual subscription of Twenty dollars to write the word "declined", as I am at present engaged in the Missionary duties and obligations of this Church at York P.a to the utmost of my abilities.

As soon as the Vestry of Christ Church shall have appointed a Treasurer for the Charity Fund of Christ Church please to write me, giving his name at full length, in order that I may transfer the $1500 Penns.a 5 per Cent Stock in my hands belonging to that Fund.

On Monday 30.th Inst do not forget to collect the Pew Rents with the help of Messrs. Clark and Humphreys, the money will be wanted in July next.

Respectfully I am
Yours sincerely,
Henry J. Hutchins

Moses Kempton Esquire
North Front street,
between High & Arch streets,
Philadelphia.

Favd by
Calvin Mason Esqre

Mose Kempton Esqr 1835
Henry Jr Hutchins

D.r Sir

On reflection I have deemed it most proper to hand you a copy of the Minute of Vestry of St Peters Church in respect to the election of a Treasurer to Christ Church Hospital, which you will have the goodness to lay before the Vestry of Christ Church.

Respectfully

Yr. Ob.t Serv.t

Jno Mullenys

Warden St Peters Ch.

Phel.a 29 april
1835

To Mr. Moses Kempton. Warden
of Christ Church

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APR

Mr Moses Kempton
Frontstreet
Phila

Sir

I am requested to inform the Vestry of Christ Church that at a meeting of the Vestry of St Peters Church held last evening Mr Jos. Roberts was elected Treasurer of Christ Church Hospital; in room of Mr. Tobias Wagner resigned

I am respectfully
Yr. Obed. Servt.
Jno Miller
a. Warden of
St Peters Church

To Mr. Moses Kempton
Warden of Christ Church

29 April 1835.

Mr. Moses Kempton
Warden of Christ Church

In Vestry of St. Peters Church Tuesday
the 28 April 1835

Resolved

That the Accounting Warden communicate to the Vestry of Christ Church the election of Mr. Jos. Roberts to be Treasurer of Christ church Hospital - And that their acknowledgements are due to Mr. Tobias Wagner for his long and faithful services as Treasurer

Extract from the Minutes
Jno Miller Jr. Warden
of St. Peters Church

Communication
Vestry St. Peters Church
to
Vestry of Christ Church
On
The subject of Erecting
a Crematory Ch Ch
Hospital 28 April 1835

Read to Ch Ch Vestry 3 June
See Minutes of Vestry

Copy

In Vestry Christ Church 9 June 1835

On adopting the Report on the subject of the Pulpit Pew the following was adopted

Resolved that Pew - No 69 in the property of this Church for the use of the Minister shall be disowned when vacated notice of the same to be communicated to the present occupant

Extract from the Minutes

Moses Kimpton

Warden

I am requested by the Vestry to say, the Pew is not at present wanted & they doubtful when it will be & in the meantime Mr Shoemaker may continue to occupy it as heretofore with very great satisfaction & pleasure to the Vestry

The more immediate cause of this Communication is, to learn if the notice of Mr Shoemaker should afford an opportunity of procuring permanent Settings that they may embrace it

Very Respectfully &c

Moses Kimpton

Copy
of Mr's Communicating
Resolution of Thursday
of 2 June 1831, respecting
the Rectors Pew
occupied by Mrs Shumakers

My dear Sir,

Philad.a July 31. 1835

I have received a letter from Mr Erben on the subject of the Organ, of which the following is an extract:—

"At your request I have again examined the Organ
" Gallery of Christ Church, & recommend the arrangement of
" the Organ, & have come to the conclusion that the dimen-
" sions required are 18 feet in width, & 11 feet 6 inches
" in depth. This space will be required for the proper construc-
" tion of the Organ must be allowed. The room in front of
" the Organ for the accommodation of the Organist & Choir
" ought not to be less than 6 feet, & if more can be allowed
" it will be better."

I presume that with this explicit opinion, it will be unnecessary to have the meeting in the Church, which was proposed for the 5th August, & which Mr Erben says he cannot attend.

M. Kempton Esq

31 July 1885
H. Binney
Communicating Mr
Statement of Sugar
Syrup on floor

Messrs Kempton Esq
Front near Arch
Philad.a

Copy

Philadelphia September 19th 1835

Dear Sirs

By direction of Messrs W. Harold & Son of Birmingham, the Subscriber is taken the Conveyance to your care Two Bells for Ship Susquehanna. Crapper Master, the Bells ready for which you have instructed.

Arrangements has (I understand been made, with your Kind assistance) for the accompanying & departure of these Bells for Derby, as they belong to Christ Church of this City, and the object of sending them, is to be forwarded to the same Establishment in London where they was cast, for the purpose of having the largest (which is cracked) recast & to enable them to adapt it to the proper Cord or Sound the Small one accompanys it agreeable to the direction of the Founder—

Yours very Respectfully

Morris Kimptan

Church Warden

Messrs Thomas & John Thornely

Liverpool

Copy

Letter from M. Kempton

Warden of Christ Church

To

Thomas & Wm. D. Thornely

Insuring

Belly Loading for

Two Belly Ships for Ship

Susquehanna. Copper

for

Liverpool

Sept 19 — 1835

Wm. Model Rempston

Sir.

Be pleased on receipt of this to transfer one of the two seats now held by me in Christ Church to my Father William Newbold — and oblige

Yours respectfully

Wm. H. Newbold

Philada 31st Octr 1835

Robert Kempston Esq
Church Warden

31 Oct 1835
W H Masters
Hampton Sydney

Chicago Nov 18. 1835

Moses Hampton Esq

Dear Sir please
change my seat in Christ
Church No 92. to our seat
up stairs at ~~$4.~~ 3.00 cents
per year. & Oblige

Yours &c

F. Stevens

No 43

Moses Hampton Esq

Thomas Asa
Edwards Henry
Aug 1835

Mrs Stott wishes to dispose of her
pew in Christ Church it is the third
from the door entering the vestry
room in the North Isle will you
oblige me by saying what such a
location should demand as the
the applicants are waiting for an
answer, a note left here or sent to me
through the Post Office will receive the
thanks of Yours Respy

Geo. W. Wilkoff

Nov 5 1870

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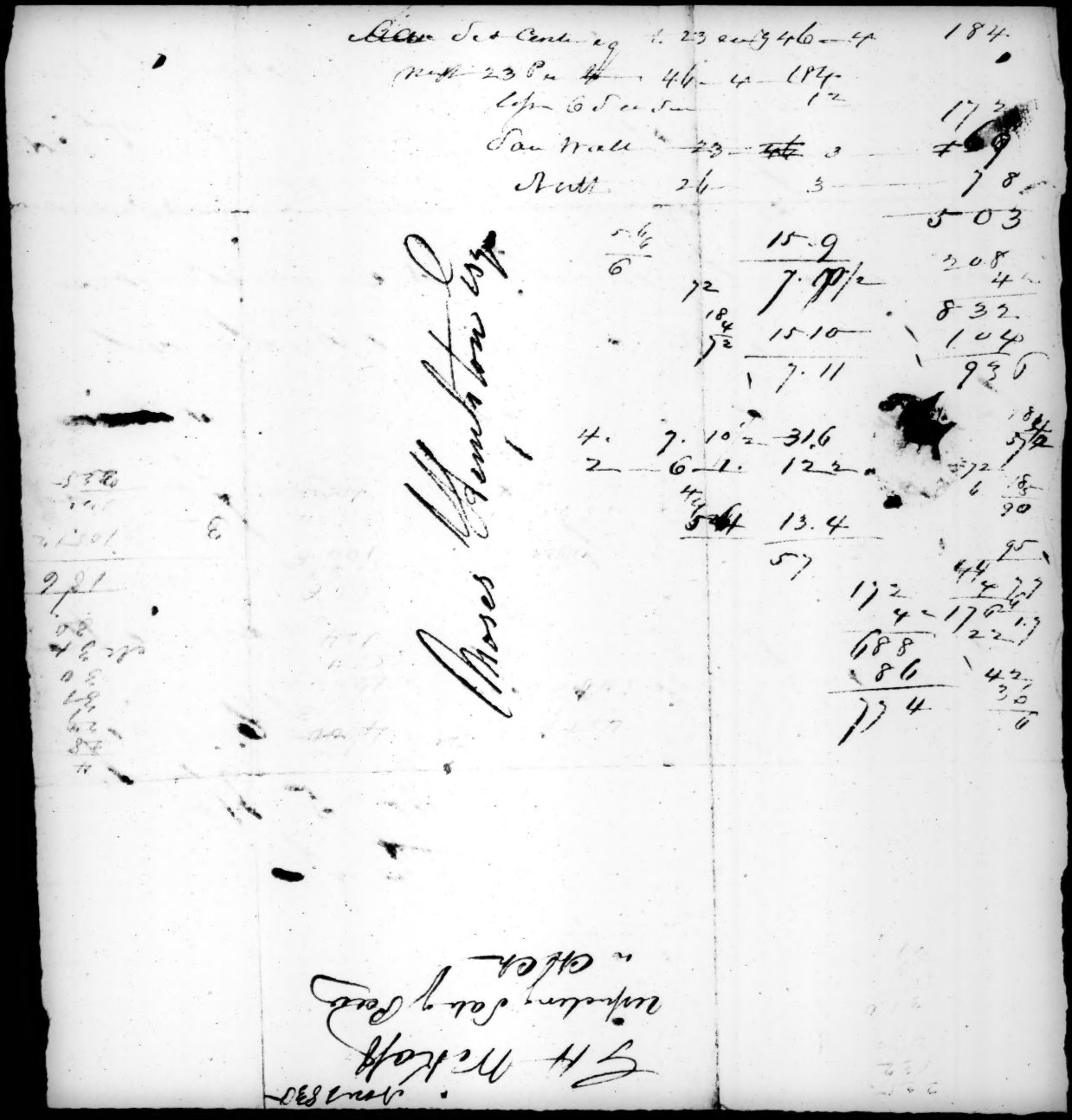

Agrees to have met McLoyd here. he wishes the
money to day. Mr Taylor did not object to the
measure proposed but thought it would be best
to deduct sufficient for the 2 Stones. My [illegible]
is. to pay McLoyd and take his receipt making
him responsible for the 2 Stones. he states he
has seen Mollock and he agrees to furnish them

Yrs E Clark

Note from Elly Clerk
Committee on Claims
Subject of pay the
bill for Mumbles
Dec 1835